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In re Patent Application of

SCHNEIDER et al.

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Serial No. 09/002,710

Art Unit: 1616

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For: Long-Lasting Aqueous Dispersions)
Or Suspensions Of Pressure-)
Resistant Gas-filled Microvesicles)
And Methods For The Preparation)
Thereof.

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April 25, 2003

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

On January 31, 2003, the Administrative Patent Judge granted Applicants' motion to add this application to ongoing Patent Interference No. 103,881.

Thus, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims for Patent Interference No. 103,881:

98. (New) A method of ultrasound imaging of the left ventricle of the heart of a subject consisting of:

- (a) suspending hydrogenated soya lecithin, dicetylphosphate and lactose in solution in the presence of C₄F₈ gas to form a gas-filled microbubble suspension;
- (b) administering portions of the gas-filled microbubble suspension to the subject;